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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Calvin Ashford Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on June 24, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was the Principal and Design Director of Gilmore-Ashford-Powers, a notable interior design firm; his many clients included Maya Angelou, Sammy Sosa, Jalen Rose, and Juwan Howard; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Fairfield, South Carolina in 1935 and raised in Michigan; he received a degree in design from Columbia University in New York; he also received a Master's degree in microbiology from the University of Michigan and his doctorate in microbiology from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, He worked in private residences in New York, Chicago, Palm Springs, and around the globe, in such places as Canada and Great Britain; his work has been showcased in Architectural Digest, London Designs and Interiors, House and Garden, and Better Homes & Gardens; and

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WHEREAS, Calvin Ashford Jr. is survived by his mother, Alice Ashford; his brothers, Nickolas (Valerie Simpson)

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1 Ashford, Albert Ashford, Paul Ashford, and Henry Ashford; his
2 sisters-in-law, Elaine, Denise, and Juanita; and many nieces
3 and nephews and cousins; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 his family and friends, the passing of Calvin Ashford Jr.; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Calvin Ashford Jr. as a symbol of
10 our sincere sympathy.